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**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/369,576

Filing Date

AUGUST 6, 1999

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Group Art Unit

1733

Examiner Name

JEFF AFTERGUT

Attorney Docket Number

DRAGO P-86RE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01/18/2002 CCHAU1 00000150 09369570ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179iii. ☐ Other 02 FC:103740.00 OP  
180.00 OPb. ☐ Check in the amount of \$792.00 enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Inventor(s): MARCELLO TONCELLI  
Serial No.: 09/369,570  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116**

Hon. Sir:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

C 1. (Amended) A process for producing reinforced slabs of products made of stone material, having a reinforcement which includes a hardened resin combined with a rear face of the slab, comprising  
providing a slab of stone material having a rear substantially smooth face free